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Assalam-Alaikum

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our compassionate brothers and sisters for their magnanimous generosity and steadfast support towards the World Memon Organisation in the Holy month of Ramadan.

Helping those in need is one of the key aspects of this pious month of mercy. And Zakat (that which purifies) is a religious obligation for all Muslims who meet the necessary criteria of wealth. As one of the Five Pillars of Islam, Zakat can lead us to a more productive and successful existence, both as an individual and a community.

Giving charity is not just crucial for the well being of the needy but could be the greatest boon bestowed upon the wealthy.

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ
لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

As Allah (swt) states in the Holy Quran (At-Tawbah 9:103):

“Take from their wealth, alms so that you may cleanse them, thereby and cause them to grow in purity and supplicate for them”

This verse clearly informs us that charity purifies a person in a number of ways:

1. It **purifies ones property in a SPIRITUAL** sense by making it more blessed and legitimate;
2. It **purifies the heart of the GIVER** from selfishness, greed, materialism and lack of concern for fellow human being;
3. It **purifies the heart of the RECIPIENT** from jealousy and hatred for those who possess more than them;
4. And lastly, it **purifies SOCIETY** from social injustices and class struggles.

May Allah (Exalted be He) make us among those who give! May He enable us to understand and fulfill our obligation of Zakat, thereby incurring His mercy and pleasure.

On behalf of my wife Zohra, my family and myself - we wish each and everyone of you a very blessed Eid and may the rest of the year be a healthy , happy, peaceful and prosperous one.

Ameen.

Yours sincerely
Suliman Noor Mahomed
President, World Memon Organization

UPLIFTING AFRICA





A Ramadan in Africa

**“Charity never decreases wealth.
Rather, it increases it...
it increases it... it increases it”**

Messenger of Allah

WMO [Africa Chapter] has carried out umpteen humanitarian endeavors to uplift humanity during the holy month of Ramadan. We would like to thank all our benefactors who have generously donated Lillah & Zakaat funds, enabling us to fulfil the Amaanat [Trust] of distributing it to several underprivileged families of South Africa.

The designated **Welfare Committee** appointed by the Chapter strives to ensure that all requests for financial assistance are independently assessed to establish Zakaat eligibility before contributions are made towards the respective projects and applicants. While we are able to touch lives during the merciful month of Ramadan, it is important to note that the conditions of these families continue to remain in a pitiful state throughout the year.

We at WMO Africa chapter ensure that funding of projects are not just confined to the month of Ramadan but continue throughout the year as well.

Monthly projects

FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED TO WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES

WMO Africa Chapter has identified certain orphanages and underprivileged Muslim families within the community, courtesy the welfare application process, along with assistance from several Regional Management Committee Members.



We aim to assist the orphans, whereby we provide them with their daily needs (hygiene packs, clothing, groceries etc). This includes financial assistance towards their annual stationery requirements, madressah fees etc

Several widows and needy Muslim families who need financial aid to cover daily expenses (groceries, electricity payments etc) and monthly expenses (water bills, rentals etc) have become recipients, up until they become self reliant and are able to stand on their feet again.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS EDUCATION

WMO Africa Chapter has realised that many students lack funds to purchase the necessary text books to further their studies and has since offered financial assistance towards this specific need. Even though the costs of text books are a priority, we have many students seeking assistance with conveyance as well. Since the initiation of this project, we have been able to assist several students, lightening their financial burden and allowing them to continue their studies without these additional worries.



WMO also provides scholarships, bursaries and university registration fees to deserving students.

MEDICAL CARE

In 2013, 2014 & 2015, WMO Africa Chapter partnered with the Islamic Medical Association of SA and embarked on a very worthy project of offering financial assistance and medical treatment to Muslim patients in need of Renal Dialysis. This was offered to those afflicted by kidney ailments from various regions such as Gauteng, KZN & the Western Cape. They were financially assisted over a period of 2 years until their medical aid came into effect and IMASA thereafter took over their management of medical and health care as per agreement.

In 2016 WMO explored the possibility of extending the same to patients who required Renal Dialysis treatments in the nascent stages as well as those who required medical treatment for various other ailments. Alhamdulillah, this project has allowed us to assist the afflicted and involves all costs including doctor's fees, hospital expenses and treatment.



Besides the assistance of our RMC, WMO Africa Chapter is fortunate to have three well respected Health Care Professionals on our RMC, who selflessly assist us with the medical assessments of those afflicted and go the extra mile to offer their medical skills and expertise when needed. Our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Haroon Gutta [Patron], Dr Ridwan Mia [Patron] & Dr Taheera Hassim [Patron]

IMAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME [IDP]

The Imam Development Programme [IDP] was formed to assist and empower Imams and religious leaders, help them develop and refine their skills. With the poor state of the Imams in South Africa, IDP has appealed to various organizations to partner with them to remedy the current situation. This includes medical assistance, educational training, daily needs and counselling. WMO has agreed to raise funds from individual members to help finance the Imam Projects.

OLD AGE HOMES

The Garden Old Age Home based in Laudium, Pretoria, South Africa takes care of aged Muslims, a majority of whom are Memons abandoned by their families. WMO Africa Chapter's contributions assist with their daily needs and the maintenance of this institute.

UPLIFTING THE MEMON COMMUNITY

WMO Africa Chapter has always made our Memon brothers & sisters a priority when assisting and fulfilling needs.

The needs of the Memons are vast and varied, however the daily and monthly needs such as purchasing groceries, payment of rentals, water bills & electricity [short-term goals] are first met through WMO and thereafter we set up Empowerment Projects, enabling them to seek their own independence for their future needs [long-term goals].

NEIGHBOURLY NEEDS COMMUNITY PROJECT

WMO Africa Chapter has been actively involved in spearheading this project within the Itereleng / Brazzaville community and has remained a steadfast supporter during the month of Ramadan, as well as throughout the year. The aim is to empower them, whereby we meet their daily / monthly needs and offer them opportunities to explore the potential of becoming entrepreneurial within society. In the long run, this will enable them to become economically independent by developing various skill sets thus ensuring that they, as a community are self-sustaining.

PRETORIA AND PURPOSEFUL GIVING



Over the past four years the Itereleng community and have been supported and assisted with various development projects that aim to uplift and develop the communities to become self-sustaining. Itereleng is an informal settlement on the doorstep of Laudium – through the support of our Memon families a masjid and other housing structures have been constructed for the community.

MORE CLASSROOMS NEEDED IN BRAZZAVILLE

On the 3rd of June, members from WMO Africa chapter, Purposeful Giving and Planet Mercy visited the Brazzaville West Islamic Centre.

A Madressah was initiated by members of the WMO Africa Chapter in 2004 with just 12 children. 3 years later, a Masjid was built adjacent to it and today Alhamdulillah, there are close to 200 students who are imparted with Islamic education on a daily basis.



An additional piece of land has been bought to put up the extra classrooms needed to accommodate the ever growing list of children.

SHOEBOXES

Purposeful Giving sponsored and distributed personalized Ramadan Shoeboxes as Eid gifts and gift bags, stationery packs, fruits and Chicken Licken meals to the children at Brazzaville Islamic Centre.

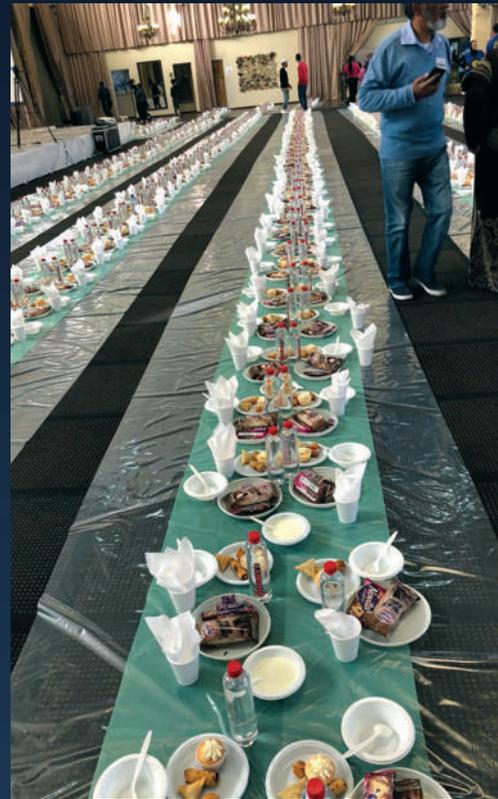


List of Items in each Shoebox:

Double pack toothbrush & toothpaste	Face Cloth
Body Lotion	Pair of socks
Bar of soap	Stationery pack including colouring pencils, crayons, marker, eraser, ruler etc
Soap Holder	Age appropriate toys or a special gift
Vaseline	Sanitary pads for girl, aged over 12 years

MASS IFTAR

WMO Africa Chapter co hosted a mass iftar for a capacity crowd of 1500 in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa on the 2nd of June. The gathering consisted of families struggling to make ends meet, widows, orphans, the aged, the infirm and our less fortunate brothers and sisters who religiously fast for the entire month of Ramadan but are not sure where their next meal would come from.



And they offer food to the needy, the orphan and the captive.

(Saying): "We feed you for the sake of Allah alone; we wish for neither reward nor gratitude from you."

The Quran 76:8-9 (Surah al-Insan)

May Allah Swt accept our humble endeavours.

WHEELCHAIR CAMPAIGN

Jona Vaughan Home is a project of Durban and Coastal Mental Health. The home caters to 84 children and adults with profound cognitive and physical disabilities. Residents receive round the clock care in a safe and secure environment. As part of their daily care, residents receive nutritional meals, medical management and participate in stimulation programmes.

Several wheelchairs have been donated during the month of Ramadaan, with the aim of alleviating the daily challenges faced by the caregivers by ensuring that the elderly are mobile. This year wheelchairs have also been handed over to the aged and infirm in Newclare, Gauteng.



ANNUAL RAMADAN ENDEAVOURS

- Dregs of Haleem are fully sponsored and distributed every Sunday.
- Savouries for Iftaar meals are prepared and sent to various Masajids in **KZN**.
- Complete Iftaar meals are prepared and distributed.
- Food hampers are distributed and cash offered to purchase Eid clothing for children.
- Vouchers to purchase groceries as per each families' personal requirements are handed over to needy recipients throughout the month of Ramadan.
- Eid gifts and goody bags are personally packed by our team of volunteers and delivered to the following Institutes:

1. Baitul Hifazat - Home for the elderly
2. Baitul Firdaus - Home for the elderly
3. Baitul Aman - Orphanage
4. Izizwe Islamic Centre - Orphanage
5. Islamic Guidance centre
6. Kenilworth Respite Centre - Home for abused women



MADRESSA AN NOOR

For the past five years WMO has taken a personal interest in specific underprivileged areas and concentrated on uplifting our Muslim brothers and sisters . Aapa Latiffa of Madressa An - Noor, a well-known and respected woman in the Klipspruit West area of Gauteng has dedicated her life towards assisting those in need.

After obtaining a vacant plot from the government, she has aspired to assist the needy, the homeless, the orphans and the elderly. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed and WMO reached out to her and offered her unflinching support to continue the extensive humanitarian work that she has been doing for the community.

The magnanimous generosity of the Moosa Carrim family enabled WMO to purchase a mobile housing unit comprising of 8 rooms, which included a dining room, lounge, kitchen, bathroom & toilet, furnished

with an in-built geyser to provide warm water. The unit serves as a clinic and shelter for the elderly and orphans.

FRAIL CARE CENTRE

Over the years, we have assisted Abida's Frail care Centre in Mayfair Gauteng with the maintenance and furnishing of their facility. The home provides medical aid and health care to elderly and infirm Muslims.

We have also donated several wheelchairs to the residents of this Centre.



MUSLIM AIDS PROGRAMME

WMO Africa Chapter has sponsored the complete renovation of the premises of the Muslim Aids Programme (MAP). This home is based in Mayfair Gauteng and provides shelter to young Muslims who are afflicted with HIV. Separate facilities are provided for both boys and girls.

FOOD HAMPERS



WMO has once again participated and contributed towards 3000 food hampers that were distributed to the marginalised in Newclare, Gauteng. Hadjie Ludfie partners with WMO to annually distribute food hampers to our less fortunate brothers and sisters who struggle to bring food on their table in the holy month of Ramadan.

We are humbled to be a part of these humanitarian projects and will continue to extend our steadfast support towards uplifting the downtrodden.

A THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of WMO Africa Chapter, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude towards our donors, collaborators, sister organisations and volunteers. Your contributions have made a huge difference in the lives of our Muslim brothers and sisters. May the Almighty reward you for your generosity.

AAMEEN.



A MILLION R A N D S FOR THE ELDERLY

There are several Hadith which underline that caring for one's parents in the later stages of their lives, especially when they attain old age, opens the gates of paradise.

In the cycle of life, youth and old age are only a matter of time ; for one who is young must surely grow old. Islam reminds the youth of this eternal truth through a narration of the Prophet (PBUH), **"If a young man honors an elderly on account of his age, Allah Swt appoints someone to honor him in his old age."** (Hadith from At-Tirmidhi)

WMO Africa Chapter, along with 3 anonymous WMO donors donated **a million rands (Approx. 85,000 USD)** towards an old age home and frail care centre being built by **Daru Shifa** at **Lenasia** in **Johannesburg, South Africa**. The 18 room facility will cater to the elderly as well as the physically disabled.

On Friday, the 13th of April, two Regional Management Committee (RMC) members of WMO Africa Chapter pledged **250,000** rands on Channel Islam towards Daru Shifa. The generous contribution covered the cost for building a single room on the facility which will be aptly named WMO room. This was soon followed by a life member, a patron member and a trustee of WMO Africa Chapter who donated ZAR 250,000 each towards constructing 3 more rooms of the home. A **million** rands in total were donated to Daru Shifa, courtesy the World Memon Organisation by the end of the pledge.

May Allah Swt reward all those who have contributed to the pledge and all who contribute towards supporting the Ummah where there is a need.

Dar al Shifa translates to 'an abode of care and healing' in the Arabic language. An ideal name for a home that serves as a sanctuary for the aged and infirm.

Education for all in MALAWI

"Education is the foundation upon which we build our future." - Christine Gregoire

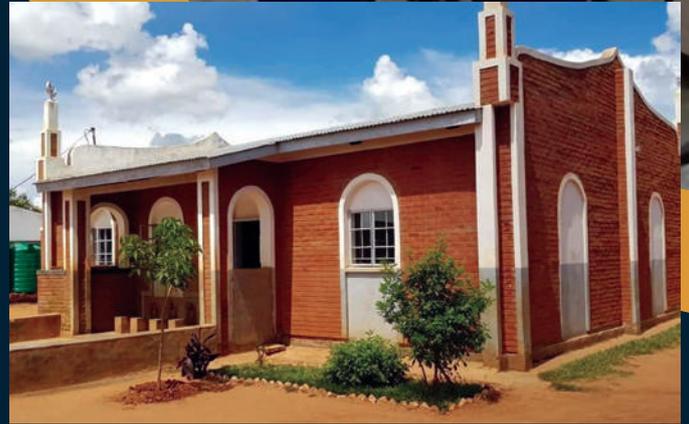
ASUM (Association of Sunni Madrassahs) has set up 2 boy's centres at Nkhotakota and Kasungu in Malawi, Africa which will serve as boarding schools to 120 and 90 underprivileged children. The youngsters will be provided **free education** and lodging on its pristine premises.

Imparting secular and Islamic education through its **10 Secondary schools** and **160 madrassahs** including feeding programmes; ASUM provides a broad spectrum of humanitarian services across Malawi, touching and making a difference in the lives of more than **16,000 children** and **25,000 deprived families**.

With a yearly budget of a **million dollars** and most of the funds being contributed by Memons living in Malawi, ASUM hopes to collaborate with the World Memon Organisation and do even more in the coming years for the betterment of the Community and Humanity.

Mr Haroon Sacranie (Trustee - WMO and ASUM) who is the driving force behind the project states, **"Education is the bedrock on which communities and nations rise and stand. It is the birth right of every child. And it is on this firm belief that Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the World, that a record 16,000 students received an education in 2017."**

WMO stands firm, shoulder to shoulder with ASUM in all current and future humanitarian endeavours.



ZAKAT APPEAL

AFRICA CHAPTER

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND UNIVERSITY.

USD 25,000

MEDICAL AID

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING HOSPITALIZATION.

USD 40,000

WIDOWS & ORPHANS WELFARE FUND

USD 160,000

FINANCIAL GRANTS/ SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS STRUGGLING MUSLIM BUSINESSES.

USD 28,000

WELFARE PROGRAMS

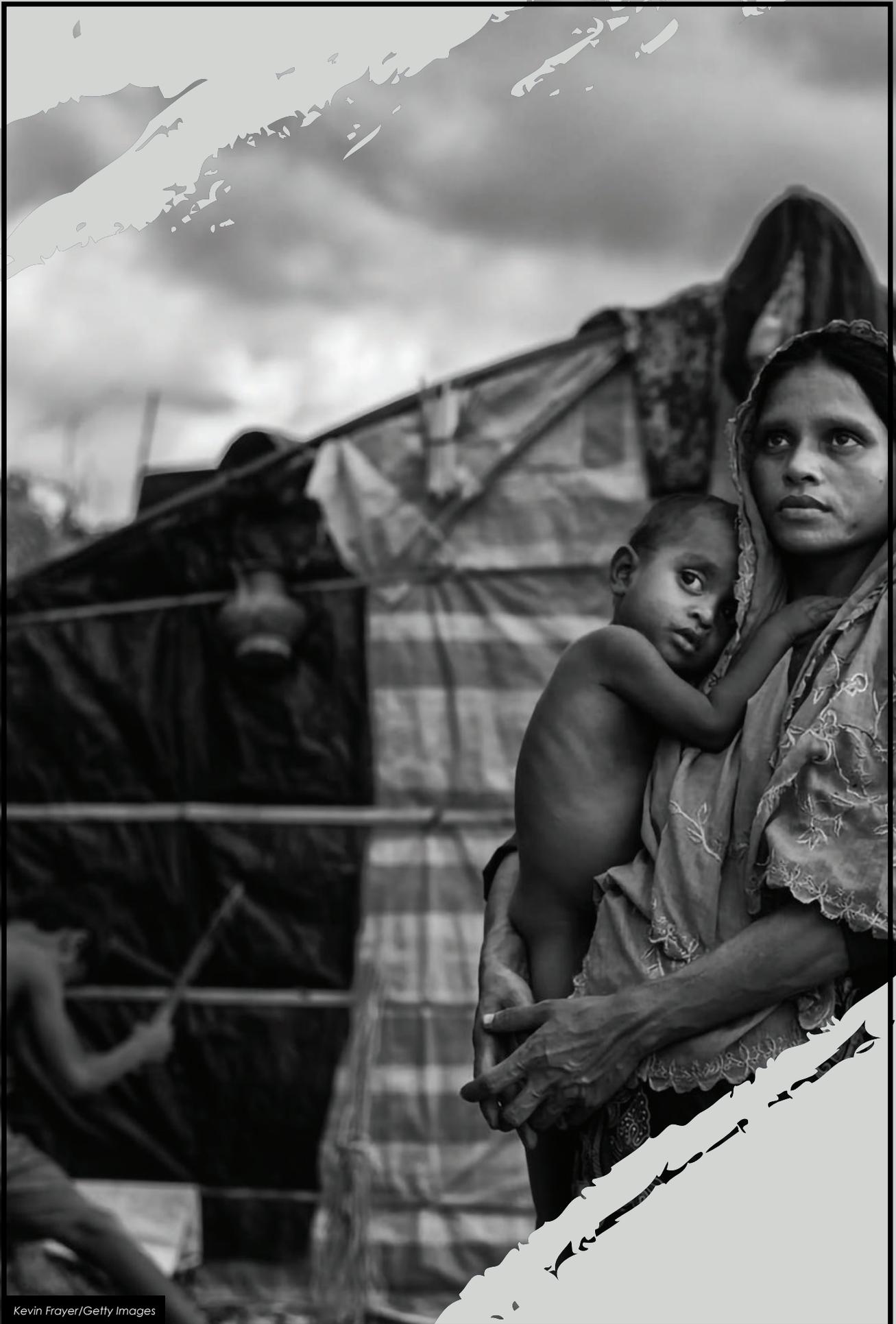
- SUPPORT OF GARDENS OLD AGE HOME
- CATERING FOR MEMONS AND MUSLIMS
- FOOD HAMPER DISTRIBUTION
- IFTAR
- RAMADAN RATION BAGS (FOOD PACKS)

USD 25,000

MADRESSAH AT BRAZZAVILLE

PLEASE DONATE YOUR ZAKAT FUNDS TOWARDS BUILDING CLASSROOMS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING ISLAMIC EDUCATION AT BRAZZAVILLE.

HUMANITARIAN AID



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Rohingya

The word Rohingya means “**Inhabitants of Rohang**”.

Ironically the Rohingyas are an ethnic tribe without a land to call it's own. It is a people without a nation. It is a people without hope.

Described by the United Nations as one of the most persecuted communities in the world, the Rohingya's predominantly Muslim population were denied citizenship under the archaic 1982 Burmese citizenship law.

UN officials have described Myanmar's persecution of the Rohingya as **ethnic cleansing** and the recent spate of violence and mass killings fuel fears of an unfolding **genocide**.

Extreme atrocities against women and children, wiping out of entire villages by Myanmar forces have triggered the **mass exodus** of villagers to **Bangladesh**. The surge of refugees, many wounded or ailing, has strained the resources of aid agencies and communities that are already helping hundreds of thousands displaced by previous waves of violence in Myanmar. Many have no shelter and aid agencies are racing against time to provide clean water, sanitation and food.

World Memon Organisation is mobilizing funds to assist the Rohingya Muslims who have fled to Bangladesh to survive the genocide in Myanmar. We seek your generosity towards our fellow Muslim brothers and sisters in their hour of need.

WMO stands firm, shoulder to shoulder with the Rohingya community during these uncertain times. A time when these Citizens of the World have lost their basic human rights to live with freedom and dignity in a Country, they once called home.

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR ROHINGYA PROJECT AMAN

NAME

Project Aman

LOCATION

Camp Aman is situated between **Balukhali** and Kutupalong Refugee Camps in the Ukha Sub-district of **Cox's Bazar**, along the **Bangladesh – Myanmar** border.

THE TEAM

WMO Far East Chapter team is helmed by it's former VP and WMO stalwart - **Mr. AC Saleem**. The team members include **Dr. Haroon Amdani (VP - Far East Chapter)**, **Mr. Anjum Asmath (Regional Treasurer)** and **Mr. Shahid Sangani (COO - WMO)**

A couple of humanitarians from UK - **Mr. Amir Farooq** and **Mr. Adil Abbasi** are collaborating with WMO on the Aman project. They are the business partners of **Mr. Bashir Sattar** (Founding Trustee of WMO).

PREPARATION

- Registration of **300 families**, almost **1200 members**, in a designated area of the camp will be catered to and taken care of, by WMO under the Aman project.
- **Formation of a supply chain** to receive and distribute relief aid on a regular basis to the earmarked families
- Engaging, Corresponding and establishing Communication links with community leaders of the Rohingya clan.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON A WEEKLY BASIS

- **300 food packs**. Each pack contains 10 kg rice, 2kg lentils, 2kg onions, 1 litre cooking oil, 2kg potato, 1kg salt, 1 kg of sugar and spices. Each pack

feeds a family of 4 for 7 to 10 days

- **150** packs of baby milk for infants and children



RELIEF GOODS DISTRIBUTION

- **500 Solar powered lamps** for Shelters
- **2,000 pairs of clothes** for men, women and children
- **500 sanitary sets**. Each set contains a body soap, towels, soap to wash clothes, nail clippers, comb and razors
- **500 metres of tarpaulin** to build shelters and overheard roofs.
- **Floor mats** to sleep on
- **Battery Flashlights** to navigate in the dark at night
- **Utensils**
- **Firewood** for Cooking

SANITATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- **4 deep water tube wells** with depths ranging to over 150 feet to supply clean drinking water
- **4 separate bathing areas for women and children**
- **46 toilets**

- 2 bridges
- Brick Stairways



MEDICAL CAMPS

- **Doctors** from across the globe are attending to the Refugees.
- Distribution of **Medicines** to treat the common ailments of diarrhoea, tapeworm and high fever.
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculosis.
- Vaccination given to **300** refugees in collaboration with the **UNICEF**



HUMANITARIAN AID FOR ROHINGYA

PROJECT AMAN

WMO TO PARTNER BRAC



Mr. Newsad Gani (Deputy President - WMO) signed an MoU with Brac - UK in the presence of Mark Furlong (Programmes Officer, Asia) and Lewis Temple (Brac - UK CEO) at his London office.

The World Memon Organisation will contribute **two hundred thousand dollars (USD 200,000)** towards medicines and medical consumables, provided by BRAC to the Rohingya refugees at their various medical camps, along the Bangladesh - Myanmar border. In the next 6 months, we intend to cover a dozen camps on a daily basis, treating on an average, 1500 - 1800 ailing refugees everyday.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We seek your invaluable contributions towards the **rehabilitation** of the Rohingya community. WMO is **building homes** at the Refugee Camps in Bangladesh to provide shelter from the torrential rains as the dreaded monsoon season is upon them.

Most of the families live in flimsy tarpaulin huts which risk being washed away during heavy rains and flooding. WMO is building **sturdy bamboo homes** that will withstand the **monsoon fury**, thus providing a safe and secure environment for the women and children.

Your ZAKAT contributions will go a long way in bringing a smile on the faces of the children who will stay warm, dry and safe in the confines of their homes, you have so generously provided.





A Prayer for SYRIA

Idlib is situated in North Western Syria. A city steeped in history, once the capital of a flourishing empire, now reduced to rubble.

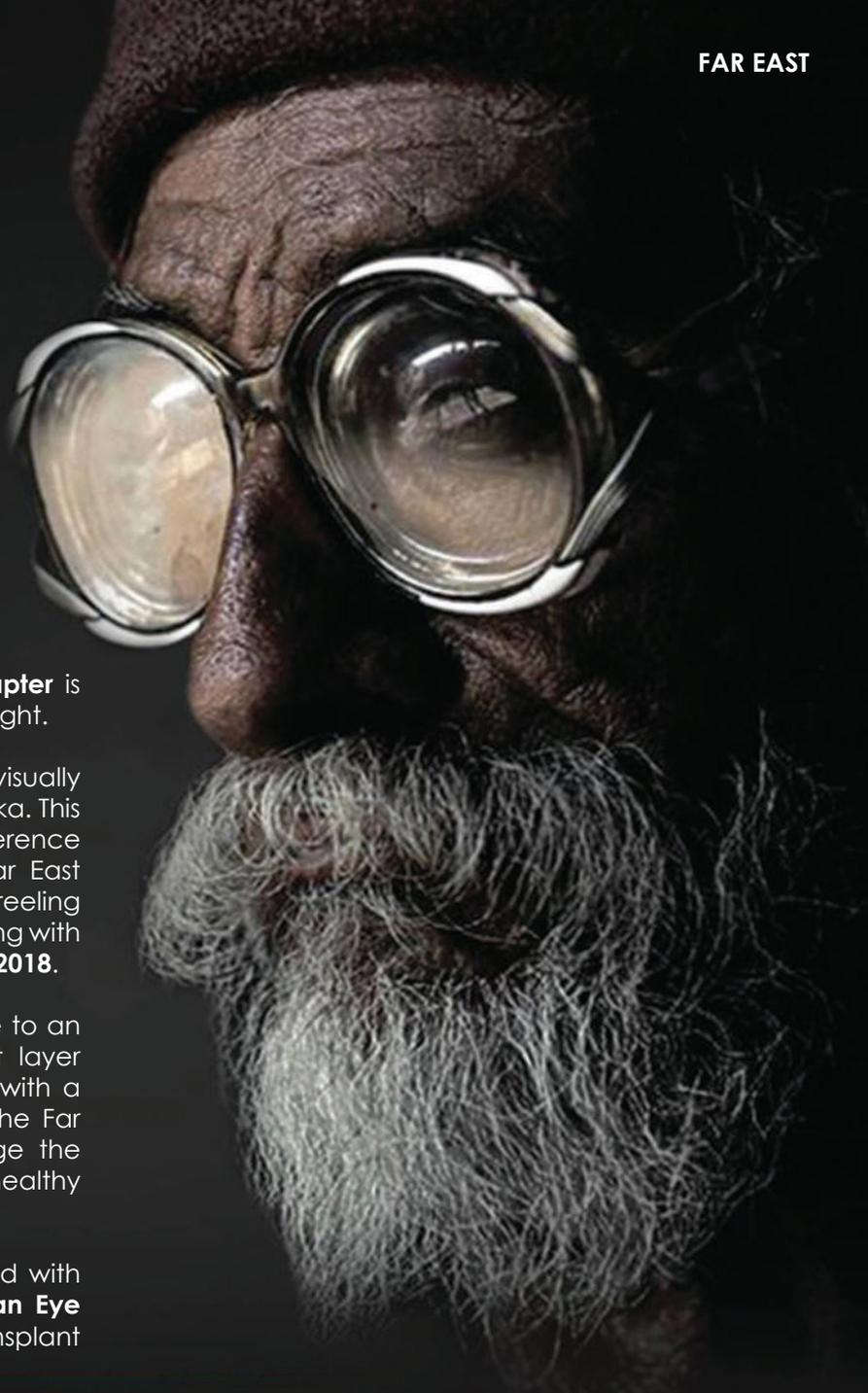
WMO Far East Chapter has contributed **USD 50,000** (Fifty Thousand Dollars) towards the rehabilitation of **Taybe orphanage** in Idlib which is home to hundreds of children orphaned by the devastating Syrian conflict. WMO joined hands with our Memon brothers in South Africa who personally visited the war-torn country to distribute food packs and relief aid to thousands reeling under the onslaught of the worst man-made disaster since World War two.

As the humanitarian crisis deepens, WMO prays that in this month of infinite mercy, the Almighty bring healing to those suffering from the violence, bring comfort to those mourning the dead, bring an end to the violence, hatred and discord. Help us accomplish the goals, we set out to achieve. Grant us Peace which is True, Perfect and Everlasting.

Ameen.



The Gift *of* Sight



The **World Memon Organisation Far East Chapter** is spreading the light with the invaluable gift of sight.

Healthy corneas are being delivered to the visually impaired in all corners of the World from Sri Lanka. This worthy project will soon make a tangible difference to hundreds across the globe. The WMO Far East Chapter will donate eyes to countries that are reeling under the onslaught of curable blindness, starting with **delivering 200 corneas to Pakistan in the year 2018.**

In a majority of these cases, the sight lost due to an opaque cornea (the outermost, transparent layer of the eye) can be restored by replacing it with a clear one. This remarkable endeavour that the Far East Chapter has embarked upon will bridge the gap between availability and requirement of healthy corneas.

The World Memon Organisation has partnered with the **Hashmanis Foundation** and the **Sri Lankan Eye Bank Society** to provide free Corneal Transplant services to the Memons of Pakistan.

Under the agreement, the Sri Lankan Eye Bank Society will provide the donated healthy corneas to the World Memon Organisation Far East Chapter at cost which will be sent to WMO Pakistan Chapter. The surgeries will be performed at Hashmanis Hospital and the surgical expenses will be borne by the World Memon Organisation and the Hashmanis Foundation.

An agreement to transplant 200 corneas has been signed. Each surgery costs north of Rs.150,000 but through this thoughtful initiative, underprivileged patients can have their vision restored at zero expense. They have been provided with the perfect opportunity to lead a normal life by replacing their damaged corneas with healthy ones.



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Empowering Sri Lanka

The World Memon Organisation firmly believes that if you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day ; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

Empowerment of men and women belonging to the marginalised sections of society has been one of the most essential humanitarian services provided by WMO over the years. Hundreds of **auto rickshaws** and thousands of **sewing machines** have been distributed to enable families to earn a livelihood, provide their children with an education and ensure that they live with dignity.

The **Micro Finance Program** wherein interest free loans are sanctioned to enable the deserving to stand on their feet was initiated in 2013 by the World Memon Organisation **Far East Chapter** to support small businesses and upcoming entrepreneurs. A sizeable number of Memons of the Sri Lankan business community have appreciated the gesture and have benefitted immensely through Micro Financing since its inception.

WMO Far East Chapter VP - **Dr Haroon Admani**, Project Chairman - **Mr Majeed Karim** and Project Committee Member - **Mr Rashid Dada** handed over cheques under the Micro Finance Program, to members of the Community at an event in Colombo. The recipients were from diverse fields including catering, textiles and clothing.



The Generosity of the Far East

WMO Far East Chapter (FC) always leads by example.

Empathy and Generosity are the hallmarks of the magnanimous Memons of Sri Lanka. They go about their task quietly, without much fanfare but deliver on each and every occasion. Be it contributing abundantly towards the innocent victims of the catastrophic **cyclone** that devastated Sri Lanka, bestowing the visually impaired with the invaluable **gift of sight**, empowering the downtrodden with several **micro finance** programmes or donating towards building a **school for children with special needs** in India. The Sri Lankan Memon Community has always stepped up to the plate for the betterment of the Community and Humanity.

On the 6th of April, **USD 700,000** (Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars) were pledged towards local Zakat projects at the WMO (FC) donor meeting in Colombo. Under the guidance of the respected Trustees, a permanent Zakat committee was set up to plan and execute these Zakaat projects with the aim of eradicating poverty within the Memon Community of Sri Lanka.

An emphatic Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) stated, **"We seek the dawn of a new day. A day when no Memon child would be deprived of an education, no mother would fear for hunger, security or shelter for her family. A day when the outstretched arms for Zakaat are transformed into hands which uplift and empower. That will be the day when the World Memon Organisation would have truly achieved its objective."**

In Sha Allah.

STORM Catchers



WMO Youth Wing - Far East Chapter

The resilient Youth Wing of the Far East Chapter stepped up to the plate, braved the inclement weather and unflinchingly waded in neck deep waters to bail out the victims of this devastating tragedy. The regions around Malwana bore the brunt of the storm hence the 3 day operation undertaken by the youth wing was centred around the town. Malwana, situated on the banks of the overflowing Kelani river, 14 km north-west of Colombo has a significant Muslim population.

Operation Malwana

On the 24th of May, a team of youngsters reached Malwana. Two boats were hired to deliver relief aid to the flood victims stranded in their submerged homes which remained inaccessible by road.

Day One

The 3 day operation began with identifying the families that needed urgent attention. The team travelled from Colombo to Malwana by car, then trudged in knee deep water and finally navigated many regions in boats, where the incessant rains had caused the water levels to swell, inundating homes and vehicles. The catastrophe had left behind a trail of human misery, there was no food, shelter or livelihood. A hundred families were earmarked for distribution of relief aid after ascertaining their needs.

The Deluge

Since the 15th of May, heavy rains have lashed Sri Lanka, including the capital city of Colombo, heaping widespread damage across the nation and affecting more than a hundred thousand people.

Flash floods ravaged the country with fields and streets laying submerged. The incessant rains triggered landslides that threatened to engulf entire villages, bury families and homes. The Army has been deployed for relief and rescue operations. Many villages have been evacuated, thousands have been displaced from the comfort of their homes and the death toll is rising with each passing day.

World Memon Organisation

WMO has always answered the call of the unfortunate victims of a human tragedy or a natural calamity in any part of the World. The organisation has been on the forefront and has contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.



Day Two

The next day was spent in preparing the relief aid packs. Separate hygiene packs were put together for men, women and babies that included diapers, towels and bedsheets. Essential foods, medicines and household items were also added. The cost of each pack was around 1600 Sri Lankan rupees and the bulk of the funds were provided by the youth wing.



Contents of the Pack

Sugar 1kg	Balm for pain relief
Tea 200g	Toothpaste 1
Coffee 200g	Tooth brush 2
Milk powder 250g	Ladies sanitary 1 packet
Fresh milk 5 packs	Biscuits 1 packet of 350g
Soaps 2	Washing powder 1 packet
Baby soap 1	Bed sheets
Baby diaper 1 packet	Towels
Panadol 2 strips	

Day Three

The third day involved widespread distribution of the packs to maximum flood victims. The team of youngsters delivering a glimmer of hope through the gathering, ominous, dark clouds.

If there were any doubts that the World Memon Organisation worked for a particular community or religion, then this recent catastrophe has dispelled them all. Relief aid was distributed at the temples of Malwana where the faithfuls had gathered to escape the torrential floods. The priests showered their blessings on the gathered youth wing as they went about their task to serve all mankind.

The falling rains washing away the last remains of the ethnic divide.



Donate

Please contribute towards the pertinent cause of saving lives. Your timely donations help us to promptly deliver at the most vulnerable times.

THE A TEAM YOUTH WING WMO FAR EAST CHAPTER

M Saad Iqbal

Entrepreneur - Founder / CEO (Hospitality Industry)
Vice Chairman (WMO Global Youth Wing - Far East Chapter)

Sajeeth Ilyas

Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility / Entrepreneur
Secretary - WMO Youth Wing FEC

Abdul Dhaiyaan Abdul Majeed

Proprietor/Director
Treasurer - WMO Youth Wing FEC

Munaziya Imran Bhaila

Proprietor/ Lecturer
Ladies Wing - WMO Youth

Saqib Sangani

Jewellery and Design Trade

Mohammed Rafeek Mohammed Sikander

Proprietor
Food and Beverage Industry

Saajith Muhammed Iqbal

Airline Pilot and Commander

Nushrath Sikander

Henna Artist
Ladies Wing - WMO Youth

Mohamed Imran Iqbal

Proprietor

Akib Ashraff

Entrepreneur
Media team - WMO Youth

Abdul Jabbar Abdul Razzak

Industrialist - Managing Director, Sigiri Textile Industries (Pvt) Ltd & Partner of Sigiri Traders



ZAKAT APPEAL

FAR EAST CHAPTER

HOUSING AND REHABILITATION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS BUYING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING AND RENTING HOMES.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
- HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
- ENDOWMENT TO PURSUE VOCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES

MEDICAL AID

- MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- RENAL DIALYSIS
- CATARACT SURGERIES

GIFT OF SIGHT

THE FAR EAST CHAPTER WILL DONATE 250 HEALTHY CORNEAS TO THE AFFLICTED IN PAKISTAN AT THE COST OF USD 200 FOR EACH TRANSPLANT.

USD 200.00

HOMES FOR ROHINGYA

WMO IS BUILDING 200 STURDY BAMBOO HOMES FOR OUR TORMENTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIVING IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS OF BANGLADESH TO WITHSTAND THE MONSOON FURY AT JUST USD 250 FOR EACH HOME.

USD 250.00

HOUSING AND REHABILITATION





WMO ASHIYAANA HOUSING PROJECTS

Mr. Majid Ranani, President of Welfare Memon Organisation and a WMO stalwart is the driving force behind the project.



WMO Ashiyaana marks the first of the **Legacy Projects** envisioned by **WMO President, Mr. Solly Noor**. **“The goal isn’t to live forever, it is to create something that will, hence we continue our endeavours to build a habitat for humanity. We firmly believe that a simple, decent shelter is a basic human right and a primary need for all,”** asserts the WMO President.

The construction of the **second** legacy and housing project consisting of **18** homes was initiated in **Malegaon** by Mr. Majid Ranani on the **15th of January 2018**. Malegaon is another town in the state of Maharashtra with a sizeable Muslim population. The housing project shares the same name - WMO Ashiyaana.



31st December 2017 marked the **foundation stone laying ceremony** of **WMO Ashiyaana** in **Akola**, a housing project which will be home to **24** marginalised families of the **Indian Memon Community**. Akola is a town situated in the state of Maharashtra in Central India with a sizeable Memon population. The ceremony was attended by prominent members of the Indian Memon Community such as **Mr. Iqbal Memon Officer** (President – All India Memon Jamat Federation) and political heavyweights including the Honourable Minister of State – **Dr. Ranjit Patil**.

A **third** Ashiyaana housing project consisting of 18 homes is up and running in **Kodinar**, a town on the South coast of Gujarat. This project has been initiated by **Mr. Ehsan Gadawala** (VP – WMO North India Chapter) and is fast nearing completion.



The word '**Ashiyaana**' means a nest. A most enduring legacy - a roof over the heads of the underprivileged families of the Memon Community - **a nest for all to come home to**.

HOUSING AND REHABILITATION IN INDIA

For over a decade the World Memon Organisation has carried out rehabilitation projects, primarily housing which constitutes the corner stone in the well-being of a community. The organisation works towards the alleviation of poverty in the Memon community by providing homes to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



AHMEDABAD HOUSING PROJECT COMPLETED IN 2015

Housing Projects have been completed at various towns and cities in India. We seek your invaluable contributions towards building a **Habitat for Humanity**.

DONATE TOWARDS HOMES IN AKOLA

We seek your Zakat contributions towards donating **50** homes to underprivileged Memon families of Akola. At **USD 11,800** for one housing unit, the total cost of the project works out to **USD 586,000** (Five Hundred and Eighty-Six thousand dollars)



PAKISTAN INSPIRES ANOTHER MITI IN INDIA



The **Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI)** in Karachi was conferred as the top ranking Vocational Training Institute in Pakistan by the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission in 2016.

The 1st Place award is testament to the vast strides that MITI has made since its inception. MITI was established under the auspices of the World Memon Organisation on **May 31st, 2009**.

MITI is a **Vocational and Technical** centre for the youth (both boys and girls) offering a wide variety of technical, mechanical, IT, multimedia and home economic courses. MITI opened its doors for students in June 2009 with 7 Trades for men. And today, boasts of **31** courses for men and **25** for women.

Courses range from self grooming, stitching and cooking classes to CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) Diploma in Information Technology, HD Media Production and Web Development. MITI offers a professional Photography course of



6 months duration in which proficient and world class photographers of the country take out time to teach students about the sublime art of photography.

Youngsters have benefitted immensely from these creative courses and are now, not only placed in renowned organization but most have become entrepreneurs and are themselves offering jobs to other graduates of MITI from the same discipline.

MITI has always been the Flag Bearer of the Humanitarian Work done by WMO and offers scholarships to hundreds of deserving students each year. Over **140,000** graduates of MITI have secured employment or are self employed.

We can only stand up and applaud **Mr. H M Shehzad** (Former VP - WMO Pakistan Chapter) for his untiring endeavours to create a brighter future for the youth of Pakistan.

A MITI IN AHMEDABAD

WMO North India Chapter has embarked on an ambitious project to establish another MITI in **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat. Spread over a sprawling **22,500** square feet of land in the suburb of **Vatwa**, this **USD 1.4 million** project was announced as a **Legacy Project** at the 15th WMO AGM in 2017.

We seek your generous contributions towards this worthy cause.



PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN

	INR	USD
Cost of Construction	69,797,235	1,090,582
Post Construction Expenses	11,900,000	185,938
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,000,000	125,000
	89,697,235	1,401,519



MEDICAL CARE IN INDIA

Dhoraji is a town in **Gujarat** which is home to a considerable Memon population. **Teli hospital** is a boon for the inhabitants of Dhoraji and the neighbouring towns and villages as it provides effective medical treatment at subsidised costs. A dedicated team of doctors attend to the patients, nursing them back to health.

Teli hospital lacks a **radiology** department which serves as an impediment in carrying out diagnostic procedures to ascertain medical conditions thus delaying treatments which could prove fatal in critical cases. Dhoraji residents have to travel considerable distances to get these tests done.

WMO North India Chapter recently donated a **3D ECHO COLOR DOPPLER** machine to initiate a radiology department in Teli hospital. It is equipped with the latest 3D imaging technology, offering high image quality with pinpoint accuracy to enhance diagnostic confidence.

The management of Teli hospital was extremely grateful to WMO North India Chapter for their generosity and profusely thanked the donors.

WMO supports Life. We strongly believe that every human being has the right to quality medical care. Our vision is a World without suffering.

DONATE TOWARDS MEDICAL AID IN INDIA

Kindly contribute your Zakat and Lillah funds towards the pertinent cause of Medical Care in India. Your contributions make the difference between life and death.

MEDICAL PROJECTS

Palghar Hospital

A **135 bed multi-speciality hospital** is being built at **Palghar**, a city 90 kms north of Mumbai on the road to Gujarat. The noteworthy **USD 664,000** (six hundred and sixty-four thousand dollar) project is a collaboration between WMO North India Chapter and **Palghar Memon Welfare Trust**.

Radiology Department

The Teli hospital in Dhoraji needs many more state-of-the-art equipments including a **CT scan machine**, another **Ultrasound** unit and a **CR system of X ray tables** at a cost of **USD 280,000** (two hundred and eighty thousand dollars) to complete their Radiology wing.

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN

	INR	USD
Cost of Construction	25,000,000	390,625
Cost of Equipments	17,500,000	273,438
	42,500,000	664,063

COST FOR X-RAY, CT SCAN & SONOGRAPHY

	INR	USD
Ct Scan – Seimens	16,100,000	251,563
Sonography - Philips	1,800,000	28,125
CR SYSTEM of X-ray table with accessories	600,000	9,375
	17,900,000	279,688



RAZIYA ‘Teresa’ CHASHMAWALA

Raziya Chashmawala (*Deputy Chairperson - WMO Ladies Wing North India Chapter*) is lovingly called **Mother Teresa** of the Memon Community. She has dedicated her entire life to the selfless cause of *Serving Humanity*.

She is a special woman

At the ripe age of 66, in the blazing hot month of May, without consuming a drop of water or a grain of food, holding steadfast to her annual ritual of religiously fasting through out the three holy months of Rajab, Sha'baan and Ramadan; she often summons her indefatigable reserves of energy to relentlessly pursue her endless humanitarian endeavours.



On a sweltering Wednesday afternoon, Raziya Chashmawala was in the Butcher's bay of Kurla, a suburb of Mumbai which is home to a considerable Muslim population struggling to make ends meet. The predominant butcher community of Kurla are facing excessive hardships as the Government has passed a decree banning the slaughter of cows. It has rendered them jobless and with each passing day, they sink deeper into debt and poverty.

Hundreds of foodpacks, purses and clothes were distributed to a sizeable number of people gathered at the market. As she is jostled by the crowds swarming around her, she clambers onto the back of a truck to personally heave the Ramadan ration bags into the gathered sea of humanity. It is just another day in the life of Raziya Chashmawala as she spreads a glimmer of hope in a World gone dark.



And Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things for a certain segment of Muslims, barely managing to survive the current political climate in India.



Mass Marriages

Mrs. Raziya Chashmawala gifted a sizeable number of clothes, purses and home utility items to 50 underprivileged couples who tied the knot in a mass marriage ceremony on the 25th of February in Mumbai, India. A majority of the brides are orphaned, some have lost their fathers while the rest belong to marginalised families who are incapable of hosting even a meagre marriage ceremony for their daughters.



A special mention of **Mrs Gorie Gulaam Abdoola** for providing the clothes towards this worthy cause undertaken by the WMO Ladies Wing - North India Chapter.



Money Box Program

Another WMO initiative called the Children's Money Box program was also implemented wherein donations will be collected by the youngsters to fund the pertinent cause of **Women Empowerment**. The Money Box program is vital to accustom children with charitable causes from an early age whereby the values of giving are instilled in them from the crucial, formative years, evoking empathy and understanding towards their less fortunate brothers and sisters.



Women Empowerment

Raziya Chashmawala has been a very vocal advocate for women's rights and has initiated many projects for the welfare of women. She established a sewing unit in the neighbourhood of Vasai in the year 2013. Initially only a handful of ladies had joined the workshop and were trained under the watchful eye of Raziya bai. They soon learnt the trade and started earning enough to run their daily household expenses. As the workload increased so did their income. The unit grew from strength to strength as more women joined in.



"We teach them skills that enable them to stand on their feet, provide for their family, ensure a brighter future for their children and live with dignity. We have a couple of sewing and an embroidery machine to churn out the orders which are on the rise. We make scarves, uniforms, bedsheets and clothes. We are also making decorative articles and gift items like candles and diyas. We have started a catering unit, set up a food stall as Muslim women have an inborn talent for cooking. We started with just two women, but today several others have joined in and are earning a respectable livelihood," beams Raziya bai.

On the 27th of May 2018, two more units were inaugurated to further the cause of Women Empowerment. One will provide a beautician course and the other will be an extension of the sewing, embroidery and stitching units.



Raziya Chashmawala is the perfect epitome of a strong woman truly empowering other women. Here's to strong women. May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them.

FEED THE FASTING



GENEROSITY PERSONIFIED

“The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He pleases. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures’ needs, All-Knowing.”

(2:261) Holy Qur'an



WMO Middle East Chapter epitomises the value of Giving – the same values to which the United Arab Emirates have dedicated the Year 2017 – the Year of Giving.

In the Ramadan of **2015**, the World Memon Organisation, Middle East Chapter served Iftar meals for the entire duration of the holy month. An Iftar camp was set up in Dubai and **37,500** Muslim brothers were provided meals for 30 days as they gathered together, under one roof to break their fast.

These brothers were mostly poor migrant workers employed in the bustling Middle East construction industry. They toil laboriously throughout the day, without food and water, building skyscrapers that will soon adorn the Dubai skyline whilst religiously fasting under the hot desert sun.

Since then the Ramadan Iftar Camp has become an annual feature on the WMO Middle East Chapter Calendar. In the year **2016** two camps were set up at Sonapur and Dubai Investment Park. **65,000** meals were distributed during the 30 day tenure.



PepsiCo International joined hands with the World Memon Organisation for the admirable cause of the Ramadan Iftar Camp, in yet another example of a prestigious multinational, endorsing and offering steadfast support to the Global Humanitarian Endeavours of WMO.



Mr Mahmood Shaikhani, stalwart of WMO Middle East Chapter has pioneered the project, along with other distinguished members of WMO who have provided unflinching support to this commendable campaign. Mr. Shaikhani

has firmly cemented the bond with PepsiCo International, taking this wonderful collaboration, one step further by setting up another camp - the third in Ajmaan in 2017. Over **85,000 thousand** meals were served in **2017**. Alhamdulillah.

This year we intend to cross the 100,000 mark as the 3 camps have witnessed record crowds and more than 3500 meals are being distributed on a daily basis.

“We implore you to delve deep into the bountiful spirit of giving and brotherhood during the blessed month, contribute towards the admirable cause of the Ramadan Iftar Camp and join us on the Arabian coast as we unite to break bread with our brethren in Dubai.”

Mr Mahmood Abu Baker Shaikhani
Deputy Secretary General WMO

Donate

Spare a thought, share a meal and Feed the Fasting
Each meal costs just **USD 3**

NO. OF DAYS	NO. OF PEOPLE PER DAY	MEAL COST PER PERSON	TOTAL COST
29 or 30	2,500	USD. 3	USD. 225,000

Ramadan Ration Bags

In keeping with the bountiful spirit of giving during the Holy month of Ramadan, the WMO Middle East Chapter has delivered hundreds of food packs to the underprivileged families of Karachi, Pakistan.



Each pack consists of several kgs of essential food items such as rice, wheat, dal, sugar, salt, tea, spices along with ghee, dates and sweets. During the Month of Fasting we would like to ease the burden on our Muslim brothers and sisters hence we are doing our bit to bring food on their table.

NO. OF RATION BAGS	COST PER RATION BAGS	TOTAL COST
3,000	USD. 15	USD. 45,000

Please join us in this benevolent cause and donate generously towards the Ramadan Ration Bags.
Each pack costs just **USD 15**.



EDUCATION





The Rise and Rise of Pakistan

“People with goals succeed because they know where they’re going.”
Earl Nightingale

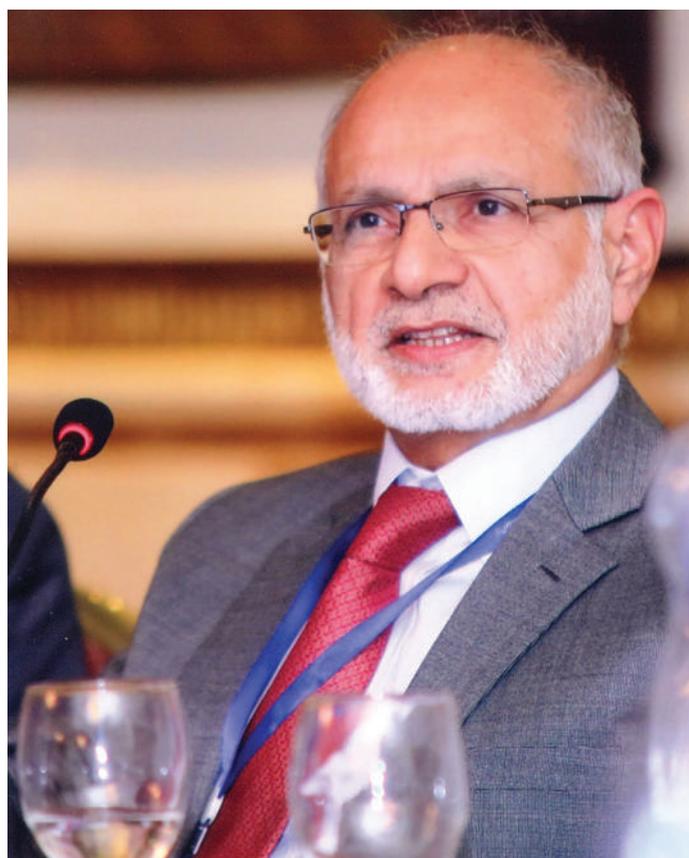
Pakistan Chapter has been one of the biggest revelations of WMO in the year 2018.

The change of guard with **Mr. Hussain Lawai** at the helm, has taken WMO Pakistan to unprecedented heights in a matter of months. Being a corporate man, perched on the highest pinnacles of the Global Banking Industry for a better part of his life, this visionary septuagenarian has been the cornerstone of the Chapter’s growth story.

Mr. Lawai has always shared cordial relations with the top brass of WMO, the local body and the Memon Jamats of Pakistan. On being appointed as **Vice President of WMO Pakistan Chapter**, he has further cemented these bonds to create a synergy towards achieving their common goal of **Serving Mankind**.



Mr Lawai is ably supported by his trusted lieutenants - **Mr Altaf Jhangda** (Regional Assistant Secretary) and **Mr Gul Mohammad** (Regional Treasurer). They have served as invaluable catalysts in the bonding of WMO Pakistan Chapter with the local Memon Jamats.



All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) and WMO Pakistan Chapter have collaborated on multiple occasions in the past few months, including the felicitation of **Mr. Miftah Ismail** (Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan) and strengthened the youth wing by teaming up youngsters from both organisations. The recent induction of **Mr. Kamran Ghani** - Vice Chairman (Global Youth Wing- WMO Middle East Chapter) into the Supreme Council (APMF) is yet another step towards unifying both organisations.



Mr. Lawai's collaboration with **Mr. Bashir Sattar (Chairman of WMO Global Youth Wing)** has brought the Pakistan Youth Wing to the fore. **Ms. Reeda Sheikhani** has been elevated to the position of **Secretary - Global Youth Wing** and the dynamic local youth wing has embarked on an ambitious journey under the able leadership of **Mr. Arsalan Hashmani**.

noteworthy, stand out, international project. Healthy corneas are imported from Sri Lanka, courtesy **WMO Far East Chapter**, to restore the sight of individuals suffering from corneal deformities in Pakistan. WMO has joined hands with the **Hashmanis Group of Hospitals** and contributed towards the surgical expenses thus all corneal transplant operations are conducted free of cost.



The **Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI)** continues to be the flagship project of WMO under the outgoing Vice President of Pakistan Chapter - **Mr. H M Shehzad**. The Chapter is creating brighter futures for thousands of Pakistani youngsters by teaching them various skills at this prestigious vocational training institute in Karachi. The seamless transition of power is testament to the leadership skills of Mr. Hussain Lawai and the induction of proficient staff members like **Mr. Rehan Bandukda (Regional General Manager - WMO Pakistan Chapter)** who have increased the Chapter's efficiency by several folds give invaluable insights into Mr. Lawai's visionary foresight of building the perfect team to execute the job.

The donors are flocking to WMO Pakistan Chapter and the recent sizeable contribution by **Mr. Mohammed Farooq Samana** towards the pertinent causes of Education and Empowerment are ample proof that the Chapter is headed in the right direction.

Mr. Hussain Lawai is a leader who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way. With a corporate style of functioning, single minded devotion towards achieving his goals and an inborn ability to take strategic decisions, he has translated his vision into reality for WMO Pakistan Chapter.

Donate towards Housing and Rehabilitation in Pakistan

The Gift of Sight

The World Memon Organisation Far East Chapter is spreading the light with the invaluable gift of sight.

Healthy corneas are being delivered to the visually impaired in all corners of the World from Sri Lanka. This worthy project will soon make a tangible difference to hundreds across the globe. The WMO Far East Chapter will donate eyes to countries that are reeling under the onslaught of curable blindness, starting with delivering 200 corneas to Pakistan in the year 2018.

In a majority of these cases, the sight lost due to an opaque cornea (the outermost, transparent layer of the eye) can be restored by replacing it with a clear one. This remarkable endeavour that the Far East Chapter has embarked upon will bridge the gap between availability and requirement of healthy corneas.

The World Memon Organisation has partnered with the Hashmanis Foundation and the Sri Lankan Eye Bank Society to provide free Corneal Transplant services to the Memons of Pakistan.

Under the agreement, the Sri Lankan Eye Bank Society will provide the donated healthy corneas to the World Memon Organisation Far East Chapter at cost which will be sent to WMO Pakistan Chapter. The surgeries will be performed at Hashmanis Hospital and the surgical expenses will be borne by the World Memon Organisation and the Hashmanis Foundation.

An agreement to transplant 200 corneas has been signed. Each surgery costs north of Rs.150,000 but through this thoughtful initiative, underprivileged patients can have their vision restored at zero expense. They have been provided with the perfect opportunity to lead a normal life by replacing their damaged corneas with healthy ones.

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The range of humanitarian endeavours have been literally eye openers, with the "Gift of Sight" being a

PROJECTIONS FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS 2018

	NO OF HOUSES / FAMILIES	COST PER HOUSE (USD)	TOTAL COST (USD)
Purchase Assistance	100	10,000	1,000,000
Rent Assistance	100	360	36,000

and Mr. Altaf Jhangda (Regional Assistant Secretary - WMO Pakistan Chapter) met with the Governor of Sindh - the Honourable Muhammad Zubair.

The delegation briefed the Governor about the broad spectrum of humanitarian services provided by WMO across the globe and the projects undertaken by Pakistan Chapter to uplift the downtrodden in the country.

The Governor was quite impressed with the extensive work done by the organisation and assured his unwavering support to WMO in all future endeavours. When the delegation expressed their desire and elaborated on their plans to establish a "Memon University" in Karachi, the Governor offered his unconditional support to transform this WMO dream into reality.



DONATE TOWARDS EDUCATION

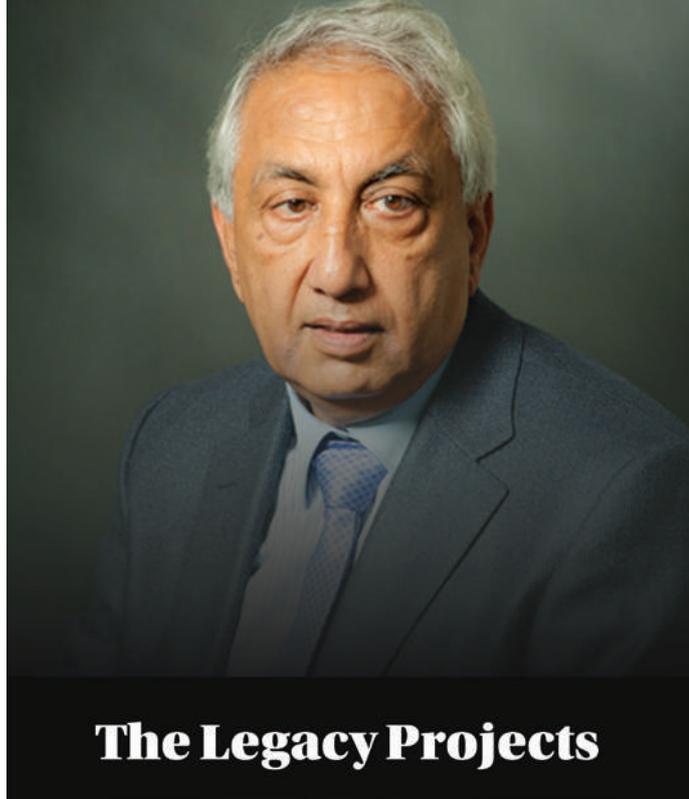
WMO firmly believes that Education is the bedrock on which communities and nations rise and stand. It is the birth right of every child.

Pakistan Chapter has been a very strong proponent of **Education for All**. The Chapter provides school fees to thousands of children in primary & secondary schools, scholarships and bursaries to the deserving students who are pursuing higher & professional education.

Your ZAKAT contributions ensure that the children receive a proper education, your donations help in shaping their lives and creating brighter futures.

PROJECTIONS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2018

	NO OF STUDENTS	TOTAL COST PER ANNUM	AVG. COST PER STUDENT p.a.
Education for All	9,071	USD. 1,416,400	USD. 160
Higher Education	500	USD. 300,000	USD. 600



The Legacy Projects

A Memon University in Karachi

Mr. Hussain Lawai has been the driving force behind the establishment of a **Memon University in Pakistan**. This was amongst the first legacy projects announced by **Mr. Solly Noor (President - WMO)** at the 15th WMO AGM in Ras Al Khaimah.

“The goal isn’t to live forever, it is to create something that will. What we do for us, dies with us. What we do for others and the world, remains and is immortal.

It is on this firm belief that we have envisioned and announced the **World Memon Organisation Legacy Projects**.

It is our endeavour to lay down the cornerstone of an everlasting legacy in Pakistan. This noteworthy educational project will firmly establish our legacy of an educated heart and mind. As WMO continues it’s journey of touching and changing lives of thousands across the globe, the Memon University in Karachi marks a significant milestone in that all important journey to change the World,” concludes an emphatic Solly Noor.

The Governor of Sindh endorses the Memon University

A WMO delegation comprising of Mr. Haroon Karim (Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees), Mr. Shoaib Ismail (Secretary General - WMO), Mr. Mahmood Shaikhani (Deputy Secretary General - WMO), Mr. Ahmed Shaikhani (VP - WMO Middle East Chapter)

Mohamed Farooq Empowers Pakistan

Mohammed Farooq Samana is a very vocal advocate for the cause of education and is one of the most generous benefactors of the World Memon Organisation, having donated diligently over the years towards the Empowerment of the Memon Community.



When M. Farooq graced the cover of “**The Memon**” Magazine, he had elaborated on his benevolent intentions, **“When I help an underprivileged mother with a sewing machine or present a less fortunate family with an auto rickshaw, the objective remains the same. I enable them to earn a livelihood, to provide their child with an education and live with dignity.”**

Over the years, hundreds of auto rickshaws and thousands of sewing machines have been distributed to deserving families, under the **Rozgar Scheme** initiated by WMO Pakistan Chapter. On March 6th, the driving force behind the initiative - Mr. Farooq was felicitated by **Mr. Altaf Jhangda** (Regional Assistant Secretary of Pakistan Chapter) and apprised of the broad spectrum of humanitarian services provided by the Chapter to Uplift Mankind in Pakistan.

On the momentous occasion, Mr. Farooq personally



handed over cheques to underprivileged families gathered at the WMO house in Karachi. He made a sizeable donation towards the pertinent cause of Education and initiated the installation of water-pumps to provide relief to several regions parched by drought, across Pakistan.

May Allah Swt reward Mohammed Farooq Samana for his magnanimous generosity.

Mr. Hussain Lawai

The Man you can Bank on

In May 2018, Mr. Hussain Moosa Lawai was unanimously elected as the **Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pakistan Stock Exchange**. The prestigious milestone marks the culmination of a distinguished journey, spanning over 5 decades in the upper echelons of the global banking industry.

Husain Lawai is a seasoned banker having vast experience in the banking and financial services industry. Presently, he is the **Chief Executive of the Institute of Bankers Pakistan** and also the **Summit Bank Limited Vice Chairman**. In addition, he is on the boards of **Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance, GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan Limited, Wyeth Pakistan Limited and Searle Company Limited**.

In the past, Mr. Lawai has remained the **Chairman of Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited** and has also served on the boards of **Pakistan International Airlines Corporation, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan and Sanofi-Aventis Pakistan Limited**.

On the banking side, he was the first **President and CEO of MCB Bank Limited** for six years after its privatization in 1991. Later on, he served as the **President and CEO of Summit Bank Limited** from 2008 till his retirement in 2016.

He is credited with being a key enabler of the local Islamic banking system through the formation of **Faysal Islamic Bank** (now known as Faysal Bank Limited), the first Islamic Shariah compliant Bank of Pakistan and **regional general manager of Emirates NBD Bank, for Pakistan and Far East**.

He was also served as a **Director of Security Investment and Finance Limited UK** and advisor to several UK and European based banks.

A staunch promoter of education, he is also a member of **Board of Governors of Karachi Grammar School** and he served on the Board of Governors of the **Virtual University of Pakistan**. On the humanitarian front, he assumed the office of **Regional Vice President of World Memon Organization (WMO) Pakistan Chapter** in October 2017.

Lawai is new to the World Memon Organisation. He admits that this is his first foray in the social work sector and though he is inexperienced in this field he wants to take this challenge head on. Hussain Lawai is the man with a plan and wishes to take WMO Pakistan Chapter to new heights based on his professional expertise.

Article by Reeda Sheikhani

Early Life and Education:

Hussain Lawai's father **Haji Moosa Lawai** was a Timber merchant and a matchsticks manufacturer. Though Mr. Moosa, himself was not educated, he was a prominent social worker of his time. Moosa Lawai also was the **Secretary General of the Memon Education Board in Pakistan** which operates three boys and 2 girls schools in Karachi including **The Ronaq-e-Islam School**.

Being a good student, Hussain Lawai was amongst the **top ten position** holders in his **matriculation**. He did his intermediate from Govt. Commerce College. He further went on to do his B.Com from the same institute. Lawai, a self-made man and filled with a thirst of learning used to tutor students during his intermediate and undergraduate days.

The MBA degree:

Hussain Lawai after his B.Com enrolled for the MBA program being offered by **Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi**. Since IBA was established by the Wharton School of Business, a lot of American professors had come to teach at IBA and Hussain's batch was the first one to graduate from the IBA University Campus. Lawai himself terms that one year of his MBA degree as a life changing experience as he aptly puts it *"I was in awe of the way these American Professors taught us. They made sure that our basic concepts were clear. They were truly remarkable at what they did."*



Lawai stated that, "The MBA curriculum at IBA required students to undertake various projects so as to cement our learning as well as provide us with grounds to apply our knowledge to real life business situations. It was during this time that I, along with my group of friends were tasked with a project for Lever Brothers, now known as Unilever Pakistan. We had to come up with a new tagline for their banaspati called Dalda. The tagline at that time was "Ammi aur Daalda, Khaandan Bhala Changa". Since it was a marketing research project we did our marketing

surveys and research and proposed a new tagline "**Jahan Maamta, Wahan Dalda**". This tagline won us an award from the Lever Brothers team and they liked it so much that they implemented it immediately and till today the Dalda tagline is "jahan mamta wahan Dalda."

Foraying into the Banking Sector:

Upon completion of his MBA, Lawai entered the job market with firm resolve and vigor. He joined the **Muslim Commercial Bank** in the receipts and collections department for a salary of a mere Rs. 1300 per month. Though he was over qualified for the position, the idea of owning his own car on an interest free loan from the bank lured him to this job and he eventually bought his first car – a Toyota Corolla on an interest free loan for PKR 17000 in 1973.

Later on, he served as the cashier in the same bank and it was at that time that he met the higher management who were surprised that a man with such high educational qualifications was serving the bank as the teller. Lawai was promptly given the charge of the Personnel Department of the Bank. At that time the bank had a very widespread Union Culture, but Lawai took on the union head on and made sure that his job is done without any interference from them.

In 1978, he was awarded 3 back to back promotions based on his hardwork and dedication. He became the Assistant Vice President, the Vice President and then the Senior Vice President almost immediately. The union complained to the Ministry of Finance stating that Lawai is being promoted on the basis of favoritism and Lawai had to travel to Islamabad for his hearing to the Ministry of Finance in Islamabad. He explained to them that the promotions were merit based and presented the evidence of his performance to the ministry ; even the senior management of the bank affirmed that Lawai's promotion was a product of his performance and the case was dismissed.



During Zia ul Haq's era (1977 – 1988) a lot of foreign banks were entering Pakistan and it was during those days when the Dubai Sheikh **A.W Galadari** visited Pakistan and set up his first bank branch there known as Union Bank of Middle East. Lawai visited him and he offered Lawai a job at his bank. At that time, Lawai had only seven years of banking experience

and he asked Galadari for some time. Galadari was not a man to take no for an answer and he put out a blank piece of paper in front of Lawai and asked him to write down whatever salary and perks he required to accept the job. His demands were accepted and Lawai joined the Union Bank of Middle East, today known as **Emirates NBD** and served as the Regional Head of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Hong Kong.

Venturing Into Islamic Banking

In 1986, Hussain Lawai resigned from Emirates NBD and was approached by **Prince Mohammad Al Faysal** to establish **Faysal Islamic Bank** in Pakistan. Since Islamic Banking was a completely different field, Lawai managed to learn the ins and outs of it within three months. His knowledge of Islamic Banking grew to such levels that he was asked to give lectures on Islamic Banking globally from Los Angeles to Malaysia. He served as the Country General Manager of Faysal Islamic Bank, the first Shariah compliant Bank in the country diversifying his banking experience.

Back to MCB:

In 1991, the Government of Pakistan privatized the MCB Bank and the management of the Bank approached Lawai to join the bank as its President. Lawai accepted the offer and began working on the turnaround of the Bank. From the Bank's logo, to the quality of people being hired, to the deals being executed by the Bank ; Lawai changed everything. He personally visited each and every branch of the Bank and suggested areas of improvement. He implemented strict customer care program at the Bank, in an attempt to win back and retain the Bank's customers. His efforts bore fruit and MCB Bank began to flourish. However, in 1996 he had some irreconcilable differences with the directors of the Bank and he bid adieu to this job. However, the positive impact which Lawai brought to the bank can be gauged from the fact that when he joined the Bank in 1991, the deposit base was Rs. 21 Billion and the profit was Rs 21 million; when he left the bank in 1996, the deposit base was Rs. 129 Billion and the profit was Rs. 240 million! Lawai claims that he was able to bring around such a big difference because he had worked in each and every department of the Bank and had now accumulated over twenty years of banking experience.

Dubai and the World Bank:

After quitting his job at MCB, Lawai moved to Dubai. He was approached by World Bank to work on an assignment in Sierre Leone. World Bank had approached him because they had heard of his noteworthy efforts in the turnaround of MCB and the MCB privatization was now being quoted by the World Bank as one of the most successful privatizations in the Banking Industry. He worked on the World Bank project for a year and delivered a successful project for them.

London:

After his stint with the World Bank, Lawai moved to London. Not known as a man to rest, Lawai went on to set up a television channel known as the **Pakistani Channel** which broadcasted Urdu transmission for 12 hours and Bangla transmission for the other 12 hours. The Pakistani channel was later sold to the ARY Group and can be deemed as the foundation of **ARY Channels**.



He also started a mortgage and consultancy business in London and later on served as a **Director at the Bank of England** for ten years. Mr Lawai notably served as the Director of Security Investment and Finance Limited – United Kingdom and was an External Advisor to several UK & European Banks.

Home Coming and Establishing Summit Bank:

After a hiatus of ten years, Lawai moved back to Pakistan. He served as the **CEO of Arif Habib Bank** at that time. Later a Dubai based investment group headed by a Dubai Sheikh, acquired Arif Habib Bank, Atlas Bank and MyBank in Pakistan; merged them

together and formed the **Summit Bank of Pakistan**, naming Lawai as the CEO. He served as Summit Bank's CEO from November 2008 to February 2016 and now serves as the Vice Chairman of the Bank.

Retirement from Professional Life:

As per the banking regulations of the country, Husain Lawai retired at the ripe age of 70 from the Banking Industry. However, the State Bank of Pakistan (regulator of the Banking Industry in Pakistan) recognized that Lawai is a treasure trove of knowledge for the Banking Industry in the country and asked him to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Bankers in Pakistan (IBP). The IBP is the only recognized institute in Pakistan dedicated to developing and providing competent human resources and improving professional capability in the banking sector. Under his leadership, IBP has progressed in leaps and bounds and is now even offering banking courses taught by internationally acclaimed faculty.

Entry in World Memon Organization of Pakistan:



Lawai himself claims that he has never worked in a social welfare organization before. He had been a student leader, a business leader but has never served as a leader of a social organization. He took the position as the Vice President of WMO Pakistan chapter upon the persistence of Mr. Arif Habib, Aqeel Karim Dhedi as well as several other prominent leaders of the community who insisted that the WMO in Pakistan needed a corporate leader who could turn this organization around and harvest its true potential.

Vision & Future of WMO Pakistan under his Leadership:



Lawai is very vocal about what his grand plans for WMO Pakistan. He believes that this organization has immense potential and can do wonders for the people of the community. He is working towards creating local interest in WMO and wants the organization to take full advantage of its global footprint. He expects people to look at WMO and cite it as a successful organization which has really made a difference in the lives of the impoverished people of the community. He has started connecting with various jamats locally and wants them all to work alongside with WMO to bring about a synergy befitting the work which can be done. He believes that WMO should now focus on the youth in order to create future leaders for the community who can take over the reins of this organization. He is of the view that there is so much which can be done for the youth of the community and he wants them to have proper guidance under the WMO umbrella.

Lawai was greatly impressed by Mr. Solly Noor's (WMO President) message with regards to the legacy projects at the 15th WMO AGM in Ras Al Khaimah and wants to implement the same in Pakistan for which he has already started having discussions with various stakeholders. He has big plans for the future of WMO Pakistan as he states emphatically, **"You need to think big, to achieve big, and that is what my plan is for WMO Pakistan."**

Article by Reeda Sheikhan

The Q&A

HUSSAIN LAWAI

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

We are three brothers and four sisters ; all my sisters are happily married. One of my brothers - Qasim Moosa Lawai is a businessman and is an active social worker who is closely associated with WMO Pakistan Chapter in various capacities. My other brother is a Doctor in UK practicing in Milton Keynes. I have three children; 2 sons and 1 daughter. My eldest son owns a software development house in San Francisco and the other one is settled in Toronto , working as an Executive Vice President at Fidelity Investments. My daughter is also settled in Canada.

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS?

It is very simple. It is basically hard work, dedication and setting a goal to work towards. I joined MCB Bank in 1971 as an officer wherein I promised myself that one day I would become the President of this Bank and in 1991 I was appointed President. So setting a goal is very important as it always takes you in the direction you want to go in.

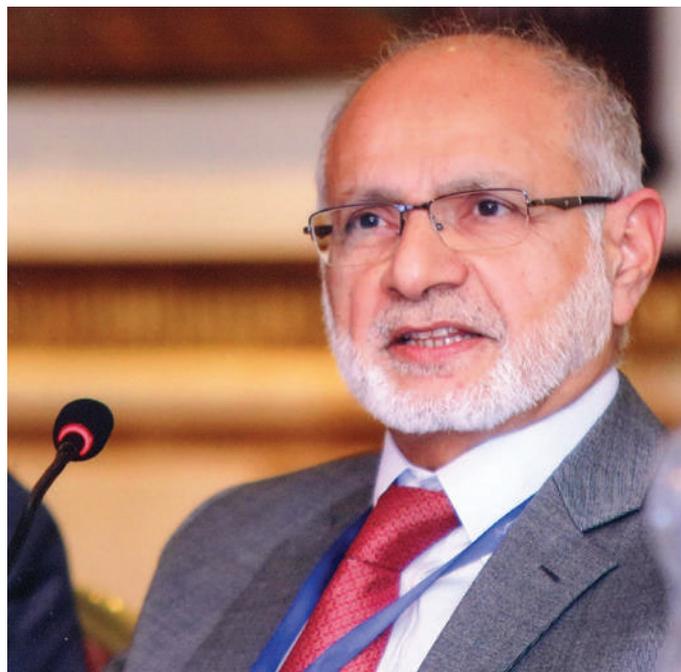
WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR GREATEST STRENGTHS?

Executing jobs differently.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PERSONAL VALUES THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Being ethical, honest and having the courage to accept your mistakes.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PHILOSOPHIES OR VIEWS ON LIFE THAT YOU WOULD SHARE WITH OTHERS?



You should have a purpose in life, once you have established it, you have to try and achieve it in the best possible way. Your purpose should be to be the very best at whatever you do.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE JUST VENTURING INTO THE BUSINESS WORLD?

Teamwork is critical, but it is the most difficult thing as well. Also, I would advise all youngsters to play a sport because the most essential ingredient to succeed in life is a healthy body which leads to a healthy mind. Moreover, they should have a steadfast commitment towards their goal.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR LEISURE TIME? YOUR HOBBIES.

Reading, playing golf and travelling. I read mostly business literature but these days I am reading the autobiography of

Mahathir Bin Mohamad.

WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE IN LIFE?

My mentor, Mustafa Ismail the ex-President of MCB Bank Pakistan

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Desi Food especially Daal Chawal.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE QUOTE?

Once a man came to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and asked of him as to what is religion? And the Holy Prophet (PBUH) replied - Akhlaq (Good Ethics, Morals). The man repeated the same question thrice and each time our beloved Prophet (PBUH) gave the same reply. This I believe is one of my favorite quotes of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

AS A CHILD WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

I wanted to be an engineer, but my father thought I would do well in Business so he made me opt for Commerce.

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH ANY PERSON, DEAD OR ALIVE, WHO WOULD IT BE?

George Soros

IF YOU COULD LEAVE TOMORROW WITH A ONE-WAY TICKET TO ANY DESTINATION, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Makkah Sharif

IF SOMEONE WROTE A BIOGRAPHY ABOUT YOU; WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TITLE WOULD BE?

Unfinished Business or Unfulfilled Agenda

HAPPIEST/MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

The day when my matriculation results were announced and I stood in the top ten ranking. That day is an unforgettable one for me!

THE BEST ADVICE THAT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

Be optimistic about life

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR?

A good and thorough professional.

IN 2018, THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, ALL OF THIS WAS POSSIBLE.

YOU CREATED A BRIGHTER FUTURE

You shaped the lives of thousands of children by providing them free education in Pakistan.

YOU MADE DREAMS COME TRUE

A Hundred underprivileged families in India got a roof over their heads.

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

You provided meals, shoes, clothing, medicines to a sea of humanity migrating from Myanmar into Bangladesh

YOU GAVE HOPE

You promptly delivered Relief Aid to the flood victims in Sri Lanka.

YOU CHANGED LIVES

You Empowered Women across the Globe.

YOU SHOWED YOU CARED

You fed the fasting for the entire month of Ramadan in the Middle East.

THANK YOU!

**“CHARITY NEVER DECREASES WEALTH.
RATHER, IT INCREASES IT...
IT INCREASES IT... IT INCREASES IT.”**

~ Messenger of Allah

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On Thursday, the 26th of April, **Dr. Shiraz Suleman** (Trustee - WMO North America Chapter) hosted **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** (Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) at his residence in **Toronto**.

A small gathering of prominent members of the Canadian Memon Community joined Ashraf Sattar for dinner. Being one of the greatest ambassadors of WMO and an eloquent orator, Ashraf bha elaborated on the extensive humanitarian endeavours undertaken by the organisation across the globe. He spoke about the wonderful work being carried out by the ladies wing in each chapter. There was palpable excitement amongst the gathered ladies to join the organisation whilst the men were bowled over by the charisma and humility of Mr. Sattar.



Ashraf bha extended a cordial invitation to all the members of the Canadian Memon Community for the upcoming **WMO AGM in Pakistan**. He concluded by thanking Shiraz bha for his gracious hospitality and brought an end to a warm reception in freezing Toronto.



The motto of the Dominion of Canada is “*Mari usque ad Mare*” which is officially translated to “*From Sea to Sea*”. Quite a befitting slogan for WMO whose sprawling membership, now stretches from the Sea of Japan to the Hudson bay under the able leadership of the charismatic Ashraf Sattar (Chairman – WMO Membership Committee)



WMO ARRIVES IN PORTUGAL



On the 16th of February, a large delegation consisting of the top brass of the World Memon Organisation visited the vibrant city of Lisbon to meet prominent families, businessmen and members of the **Portuguese Memon Community**.

An event was organised at the Central Islamic Masjid of Lisbon, wherein a presentation was made by the visiting delegation, followed by an interaction with the local Memon business community.

The visiting delegation comprised of

1. **Mr Nowsad Gani** (Deputy President - World Memon Organisation)
2. **Mr Bashir Saftar** (Global Youth Chairman)
3. **Mr Imran Panaawala** (Vice President - World Memon Organisation for Europe Chapter)
4. **Mr Waseem Yusuf Adil** (Regional Assistant Secretary - World Memon) Organisation for Europe Chapter
5. **Mr Esmail Harunani** (Trustee - World Memon Organisation)
6. **Sir Iqbal Sacranie** (Patron - World Memon Organisation)
7. **Mr Nazir Okhai** (Member - Board of Management, World Memon Organisation Europe Chapter)
8. **Hafiz Khalid Abdul Ghaffar** (Member - Board of Management, World Memon Organisation Europe Chapter)
9. **Mr Yousuf Gadit** (Member - Board of Management, World Memon Organisation Europe Chapter)

The WMO delegation is eternally grateful to **Mr Liyakat Hameed** for convening the meetings and events in Portugal.

It was fruitful visit to increase the global footprint of WMO, to raise awareness towards its large body of humanitarian work, evincing widespread interest within the Portuguese Memon Community to join the esteemed organisation.





Mr. Iqbal Memon Officer
President, All India Memon Jamaat
Federation.

Memon Day

11th of April 2018 was celebrated as Memon day.

Memon day is the brainchild of the **President of the All India Memon Jamaat Federation - Mr. Iqbal Memon Officer**. When Mr. Officer envisioned Memon Day, the objective was quite clear and the message he sent out was very explicit. He wanted the Global Memon Community to come together on that day and provide a broad spectrum of humanitarian services to the less fortunate of the World. **The essence of Memon Day is the very ethos of the World Memon Organisation - to Unite, Uphold and Uplift Mankind.** Hence all Chapters of WMO worked around the clock to initiate endeavours to Serve Humanity on the 11th of April.

Pakistan

Memon day celebrations got off to a flying start in Karachi with the distinguished ladies of the Chapter donating a **Carry Van** to Children with Special needs. The Ladies Wing of the Pakistan Chapter also distributed **sewing machines** to empower women



In a quiet ceremony held at WMO House, **Mr. Husain Lawai** (Vice President - WMO Pakistan Chapter) and **Mrs. Hameeda Iqbal Bawani** (Chairperson - Ladies Wing) handed over the keys of the van to Dr. Ghaffar Billoo from the '**Society for Children with Autism and Learning Differences**'.



Later in the day, delegates from WMO Pakistan Chapter (WMO PC) and **All Pakistan Memon Jamat Federation (APMF)** visited the **Khidmat Forum**.

Under the patronage of **Mr Masood Parekh**, the Khidmat Forum supports more than 150 children with special needs. Several member of WMO PC and APMF are ardent supporters of this wonderful cause.

India

On the occasion of Memon Day, a delegation from WMO North India Chapter visited the Ummeed Foundation, a school for children with special needs.

Orthopaedic shoes, leg callipers, calliper leg braces and wheelchairs were distributed to children suffering from physical disabilities.



These special shoes, braces and wheelchairs will enable the children to move freely and escape the confined spaces of their homes and schools. It gives them the freedom to enjoy their day in the sun and spend quality time in an environment more conducive for their emotional and physical well being.



We pray that the Almighty accept our humble efforts and reward everyone who are working together to bring a smile on the faces of these little angels by giving them wings.

Africa

Durban: The Memon Day Celebrations continued unabated in South Africa with the Ladies Wing playing their part.



In conjunction with **Jama'atun Nissa** (Apex Body of WMO Africa Chapter) meals were provided to **orphans** and the **elderly**. Fruit packs were also distributed at the old age home of Izezwe Islamic Centre in Durban to mark this special day.

Laudium, Pretoria: WMO Africa Chapter provided free **Health Check Ups** to the residents of Laudium and the adjoining areas to commemorate Memon Day in South Africa.



Dr. Taheera Hassim (Regional Secretary General - WMO Africa Chapter) organised the event and conducted the proceedings at the World Memon Foundation Centre in Laudium.

Memon Day Celebrations continued in South Africa with WMO Africa Chapter & **Purposeful Giving** (Apex body of WMO) providing **200 meals** to the Brazzaville West Islamic Centre which houses a **Masjid** and **Madressah**. Each meal box was accompanied with drinks, crisps and biscuits.

North America

Memon Day Celebrations reached the US shores with WMO North America Chapter providing **hot meals to the homeless** in **Chicago**, duly assisted by the Islamic Centre.



Sri Lanka

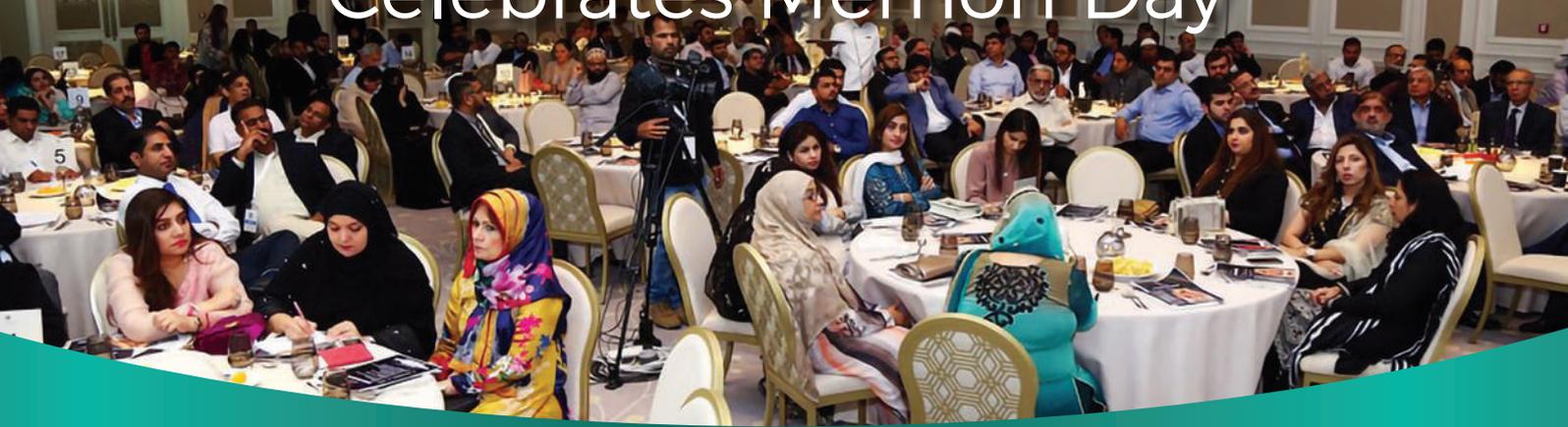
A **Medical Camp** was organised by the spirited team of youngsters of the WMO Far East Chapter to commemorate Memon Day in Colombo. A sizeable crowd gathered within a couple of hours, with more than **350 patients** receiving **free medical counselling and treatment** by the end of the day.



The Memon day celebrations were a true embodiment of the humanitarian values instilled within the community. The Global Memon Community stood united for a good cause and did their bit to make this World a better place.

But just as we don't need a special day to express love for our families and friends or to do a good deed. Let it be a Memon day, today, tomorrow, each day, everyday because on this day, we celebrate Humanity, Compassion, Camaraderie and Brotherhood. A celebration worth repeating, 7 days a week and 12 months of the year.

WMO Middle East Chapter Celebrates Memon Day



The members of **WMO Middle East Chapter** possess many appealing traits. They are generosity personified, the most gracious hosts and the deep bond of friendship that they share with one another epitomises the true meaning of brotherhood.

The **Memon Day** celebrations held at the opulent setting of the **Address Boulevard** in downtown **Dubai** were testament to those distinguished traits.

On the **28th of April**, WMO Middle East Chapter hosted **WMO Pakistan Chapter**, sent out an appeal for **Zakat** and brought out the cake to celebrate Memon Day. More than **250** prominent members of the global Memon Community attended the grand event, followed by a gala dinner.



A recitation from the holy Quran began proceedings, followed by the national anthem of the UAE and the Memon anthem. **Mr Shoaib Ismail** (Secretary General of WMO) delivered an elaborate presentation encompassing the broad spectrum of humanitarian services rendered by WMO across the globe. It was followed by a series of presentations - **Mr. Hussain Lawai** (VP - WMO Pakistan Chapter) spoke

at length about the various educational projects and rehabilitation programmes undertaken by the Pakistan Chapter, praised the excellent work being carried out at the **Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI)** in Karachi and emphasised that the Memon Community must leave behind a legacy by building more hospitals, schools and institutions that will stand the test of time.



Mrs. Maimoona Darvesh (Chairperson - International Ladies Wing) and **Mrs. Rashida Anwer** (Regional Secretary General – WMO Middle East Chapter) briefed the gathering of the ladies wing activities and discussed the upcoming projects undertaken by the Middle East Chapter towards **Serving Mankind**.



Mr. Khurram H Kalia (Advisor to Global Youth Chairman - Middle East Chapter) took the floor next and promised to connect the Global Memon Community by creating an App, aptly named **"WMO Connect"**. A matrimonial project was also underway which would soon be launched. He updated the gathering of the successful Youth Wing membership drive and stated that several roadshows were being planned in other regions of the UAE as the membership numbers swelled.



Mr. Kamran Ghani (Chairman - Global Youth Wing Middle East Chapter) shared the Youth Wing progress report and announced the upcoming **Job Placement** project.

Mr. Bilal Ahmed Madni, an Islamic scholar enlightened the invitees on the importance of Zakat, elaborated in detail on its calculation and utilisation.



Mr. Ahmed Shaikhani (VP - WMO Middle East Chapter) concluded the proceedings by delivering the Vote of Thanks and encouraged the audience to partake in the thoughtful initiatives undertaken by WMO, by contributing wholeheartedly towards the betterment of the Community and Humanity.

As the guests mingled with each other over a sumptuous dinner and the hosts pledged a **Million Dirhams** towards the upliftment of Humanity, the camaraderie and generosity of the Middle East Chapter came to the fore. Another memorable evening, another grand event, yet another day when the famed Middle Eastern hospitality came shining through before the sun set over the Arabian coast in Dubai.



A CARNIVAL IN DUBAI

“Life is like a carnival. The cotton candy are all the sweet things in your life”....goes the adage.

The **WMO Middle East Chapter Ladies Wing** certainly brought the carnival to the city and everyone was invited to the most sought-after “social event” on the Dubai calendar.



The Annual WMO Middle East Chapter picnic is an elaborate celebration bringing together people of all ages. The community members mingle freely and spend a leisurely evening, basking in each other’s company.

On the 2nd of March, a sizeable crowd of more than **300** had gathered at **Zabeel Park** on an overcast Friday afternoon. Several tents were pitched up across the manicured lawns, there was a bouncy castle for the kids, the food station had a large spread including doughnuts and waffles. The children were entertained with games, clowns, rides, balloons, popcorn and face painting while the ladies bonded over the appetizing food.

As the evening set in, old friends connected over a cup of hot tea, new friendships blossomed and the genial camaraderie brought cheer to a grey and dreary evening in Dubai.

“Life is sweet but friends make it sweeter,” quipped a child, as she took another eager bite off her friend’s candy floss.

That sums up a very memorable evening in Dubai as the organisation has yet again achieved its objective of fostering friendships, building brotherhood, strengthening relationships and bringing the community closer together.





Cancer Awareness Program in South Africa

On Thursday, the 10th of May, the **World Memon Organisation (Africa Chapter)** in association with **Laudium Cancer Care** hosted a cancer awareness program for senior citizens at the World Memon Foundation Centre in **Pretoria**, South Africa.

A gathering of **200** senior citizens were welcomed by WMO - Africa Board member - **Mr Omar Latha**

and addressed by **Dr Shenaaz Bassa** (oncologist), **Dr Fatima Dockrat** (surgeon) and **Mrs Shakira Dockrat** (dietician).

The team of doctors raised awareness about this mortal disease, elaborated on ways to reduce the risk of cancer by adopting a healthier lifestyle and prodded the audience to undergo regular health check ups for early detection.

Attendees expressed their gratitude to the organizing team for hosting a thoughtful initiative. Refreshments were served, members of WMO Africa Chapter delivered a thank you note to the team of doctors and brought an end to an enlightening evening.



Muslim Ladies College

On the 13th of May, WMO trustee of the Far East Chapter - **Mr. Eliyas Abdul Kareem** donated an eight storeyed Muslim Ladies College in the loving memory of his mother, **Hajiyani Zubaida Mohamed A. Kareem**.

The inauguration ceremony in Colombo was attended by the honourable **prime minister of Sri Lanka - Mr. Ranil Wickamasinghe** and other dignitaries.

The college is yet another distinguished humanitarian endeavour by the illustrious Eliyas Kareem to educate and empower women. **As Queen Rania of Jordan eloquently puts it, "If you educate a woman, you educate a family, if you educate a girl, you educate the future."**

We at WMO couldn't agree more.



Sir Iqbal Sacranie meets the President of Turkey

Sir Iqbal Sacranie is the **founder member** and a stalwart of the World Memon Organisation. He has dedicated his life to the selfless service of Humanity and is a towering figure of the global Memon Community.

Over the years, Sir Iqbal Sacranie has made acquaintances with heads of states, monarchs, distinguished humanitarians and eminent personalities from all spheres of life. The honourable President of Turkey - **Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** met up with Sir Iqbal on his recent visit to London and discussed several issues affecting the global Muslim community.

Sir Iqbal Sacranie showered praise on this inspirational leader of the Muslim world, **"I congratulated him for his bold stance on attacks on Islam and atrocities against Muslims, in particular Rohingyians and Palestinians. It was a wonderful and pleasant meeting with a remarkable personality and leader of the Muslim nation."**

A Special Evening



The **Chief Minister of Sindh** - the honourable **Murad Ali Shah** visited **Zainab Rehabilitation Centre (ZRC)** to personally meet the children with special needs. **Mr. Masood Parekh** (Head of ZRC) briefed the minister about the day to day activities and elaborated on the utmost care provided by the centre towards the children.

Mr. Altaf Jhangda (Regional Secretary General - WMO Pakistan Chapter) accompanied the Chief Minister on his tour and gave a detailed account of the broad spectrum of humanitarian services provided by the World Memon Organisation to **Uphold, Uplift and Unite Mankind**.

The Chief Minister expressed his joy at being able to spend time with the children and thanked all the Patrons and Board Members of ZRC. He was quite impressed with the young **Arish** who had recently won a couple of gold medals at the **Special Olympics** and showered praise on all the children who braved their disabilities to lead a normal life.

Most of these differently abled children have overcome their cognitive, mental and physical disabilities, thanks to the sincere dedication and tireless efforts of the staff and teachers of the Zainab Rehabilitation Centre. They have proved themselves second to none. As the minister saluted their efforts, he concluded a special evening with a set of very special children.